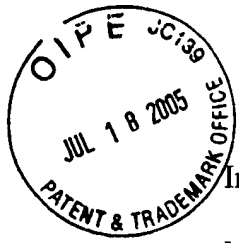


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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
MITSUAKI AMEMIYA) Examiner: Robert M. Kunemund
Application No.: 09/487,718) Art Unit: 1765
Filed: January 19, 2000)
For: APPARATUS AND PROCESS FOR)
PRODUCING CRYSTAL ARTICLE, :
AND THERMOCOUPLE USED)
THEREIN : July 15, 2005

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PETITION TO WITHDRAW APPLICATION FROM
ISSUE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.313(c)(2) - ISSUE FEE PAID

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner pursuant to 37 C.F.R.
§ 1.313(c)(2) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue. A Request for
Continued Examination (RCE) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is being submitted herewith.
The issue fee for this application has been paid.

Applicants request that this application be withdrawn from issue for
consideration of the information cited in the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) which
also is being filed herewith.

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Accordingly, in order to confirm that the cited references will be considered and made of record in this application, Applicants respectfully request that this application be withdrawn from issue in favor of the RCE.

A check in the amount of \$130.00 in payment of the petition fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h) is submitted herewith. Please charge any deficiency in this fee, and credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account 06-1205.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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